

107TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2274

To require the refund of unjust or unreasonable rates and charges for certain sales of electric energy after June 1, 2000, in the Western United States.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 2001

Ms. ESHOO (for herself, Ms. PELOSI, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. STARK, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. HONDA, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. LEE, Ms. HARMAN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. SOLIS, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. FILNER, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. ISSA, Mr. BACA, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. CONDIT, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. WATSON of California, Mr. SHERMAN, and Ms. WATERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Electricity Gouging  
5 Relief Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REFUNDS OF CERTAIN ELECTRICITY CHARGES.**

2       In the case of sales of electric energy for use in that  
3 portion of the United States that is covered by the West-  
4 ern Systems Coordinating Council of the North American  
5 Electric Reliability Council, notwithstanding the time limi-  
6 tations contained in section 206 of the Federal Power Act,  
7 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission shall order  
8 the refund of any rates and charges that were not just  
9 and reasonable and that applied to sales of electric energy  
10 by public utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Com-  
11 mission under that Act between June 1, 2000, and the  
12 enactment of this Act. The refunds shall be made, with  
13 interest, to those persons who have paid such rates or  
14 charges. Any affected State may bring an action in the  
15 appropriate United States district court to enforce this  
16 section. Nothing in this section shall affect any authority  
17 of the Commission existing before the enactment of this  
18 section.

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